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The above groups show the Officers, Cadets and Envoys who gathered in Peking recently for the Second Annual Congress. Commissioner and Mrs. Pearce may be seen seated in the centre in the top photo. (See article on page 3.)

WHY PRAY?

A PERTINENT QUESTION POINTEDLY ANSWERED

BY THE GENERAL

FEW questions perhaps spring more readily to the lips of the average mortal than that expressed in the heading to this article. The unbeliever does not see the necessity for prayer. Many children of God do not fully understand the purpose and power of prayer. The subject, which is one of compelling interest, is pointedly considered by the General in one of a number of suggestive and practical articles contained in his recently-published book, "Life and Religion."

Ever on the Watch

One of the first reasons adduced by the General is that God is ever on the watch for the approach of man. Not merely is He willing to hear men who cry to Him: He is actually waiting, as one who may be expecting a visitor.

No doubt (continues the General), this is partly because God finds pleasure in being sought after by men. Just as the happiness of earthly parenthood is increased by the desire of our children to tell us of their needs and devotion, so the great Father delights to have us seek Him in communion and prayer. The fact that He knows all, or nearly all, or more than all we have to tell Him, does not alter this. We are quite pleased when our children confide in us concerning matters about which we are fully informed, as when we hear from them about those of which we know little or nothing.

Divine Satisfaction

The great thing is that they seek us—that of their own heart's desire and trust they lay their treasure of joy or their burden of sorrow at our feet. And so God finds Divine satisfaction in His children's confidence, and for that reason, as well

as for others, flies to them when they turn to Him.

And more than this. Prayer fortifies men against evil. That is one reason which makes it such a touchstone of spiritual experience. "Either," says one of the saints of former times, "prayer will make a man leave off sinning, or sin will make him leave off praying."

And I no wonder Paul says, "Prayer without ceasing." No wonder that our Holy God is glad when His people pray.

Prayer is of the utmost value also because it works in us towards our fellow-creatures of the blessings we ask for ourselves. That soul, for example, which truly prays for forgiveness from God must, if it is sincere, come to forgive those from whom it has suffered injury. The man who really cries to God to be preserved from oppression or wrong at the hands of his fellows must grow less and less inclined to do anything by which he might oppress or wrong them himself.

Seek to Help Others

The man who sincerely prays to God to deliver his sin-scorched soul from all evil, and keep steadily on praying, will surely come to greatly desire the same deliverance for the souls around him, and to seek to help them in pity and patience just as he would have them help him. Yes, this is one of the most blessed effects of prayer: we grow into the likeness of our own requests, and the good we seek for ourselves we find for our fellow-men.

Many prayers which seem to remain unanswered, so far as their own special burden goes, receive a kind of half-answer in this kindred way. How often I have been impressed and

helped by watching the influence of constant prayer for souls upon those who offer such prayers, quite apart from those for whom it is made.

Brought Great Blessing

I suppose that many who will read these words have seen how a mother's prayers for her wayward boy or girl seemed to work fine fruits in her own experience and character. The wayward ones were constant sinners at any rate in the life-time—but her longing and entreaty and secret intercessions brought wonderful blessings on her. We could see a new light in the grave eyes, and catch a new note in the prayer-filled voice, and feel that a new sympathy towards Christ and towards those for whom Christ suffered, dwelt in her as a garment.

Believe me, no prayer is really fruitless, no prayer remains wholly unanswered.

Each of all God's creatures is to pray for his soul around us on the soil higher ground than we may expect an answer. The destinies of men are influenced by the good in them as well as by the evil. If that good can only be sufficiently strengthened, we shall win them at last. If it can we may pray for God can have little to do with sinners against their own will and choice, but if their hearts only turn to Him they shall be saved.

Worthy Subject of Prayer

Let us pray God for them—that He will have mercy, that He will water and cultivate the little remnants of good in them, that He will break through the scales of their eyes, and that He will restore that lost heritage. This is a worthy subject for mind and heart alike when we draw near to God.

course for the fully sanctified one, but we do know that the omnipotent power of the Holy Ghost may be brought into fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ; as we also know that the angels of the Lord are everywhere about them that fear Him; and further, that "we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses," the spirits of just men made perfect, and others whom our eyes are hidden from seeing.

Drawn a Curtain

God in His wisdom has drawn a thick veil preventing our common intercourse with the loved ones who are "for ever with the Lord," but that should not make us feel that the bond is totally severed.

To get the right view of things is all the difference. For instance, a stained-glass window in a cathedral seemed to me, when viewed from without, to be blurred, patchy, and dull, the very opposite of a thing of beauty; but when I entered everything was transformed. I saw the studied design with its lights and shades and its blend of tints, and all the picture from the interior in its delicate harmony. So in regard to many Divine things: to be able to understand them you must see them from the right light and from the right point of view.

To many people Jesus may not appear to have any beauty that He should be desired, but to those who look upon Him from the heavenly estate He stands revealed as the fairest among ten thousand.

There are also the experiences of heavenly union and fellowship. The possibilities of heavenly inter-

CHINA AND THE CHINESE

Some First Impressions of the People and the Country—Primitive Conditions—Dense Spiritual Darkness—How the Army is Received.

BY COMMISSIONER F. W. PEARCE

CHINA is full of absorbing interest to the observing foreigner. In the districts or concessions inhabited by the Westerner, western architecture, styles and methods largely prevail; but if we penetrate beyond the walls a hundred yards into the purely Chinese city, we are launched into an old world, and it would not be difficult to imagine oneself transported back to the early or Middle Ages, among the patriarchs of hundreds or even thousands of years ago.

As in Ancient Times

In one such place I gazed critically at everything as I sauntered along, and excepting one solitary thing, I imagined that life in the days of Moses must have been almost exactly as I saw it there. Roads, shops, methods of trading, implements of labour, vehicles and harness, even costumes—the one exception, which was obviously modern, was the ubiquitous Rickshaw. These, with their brass fittings, modern lamps and rubber tires, seemed almost out of place in such ancient surroundings. But in many towns even the Rickshaw is absent, and carts and vehicles of the most primitive description are the only means of conveyance.

Small wonder that the people who exist under such conditions should live in dense darkness regarding spiritual things. Religion among the masses of the people is of the vaguest possible kind. They are spiritually dead. Superstition abounds, but much of it is of a peculiarly trifling character. This is being recognized more and more by the educated Chinese. There are temples in every city, and gods innumerable, but the temple buildings, with few exceptions, are all left to fall into a state of decay.

Falling Into Decay

In many places even the gods, usually made of some perishable material, are falling to pieces, and are to be seen minus some member of the body and covered with layers of dust. The architecture and paintings in some of the temples clearly indicate a period, long passed, when they were centres of active worship, with devotees who cared for the buildings, and priests who maintained some form of life in the heathen rites which prevailed. Now things are changed. The ritual and worship are conducted now and then on fixed occasions, and are extremely superficial in their character. Mixed with the worshippers within the precincts of the temples are buyers and sellers of all sorts of cheap chandise, peep shows, conjurers, and sightseers, such as might be seen at a fair.

Recently I visited one ancient temple which hundreds of years ago must have been an im-

portant centre of worship. It consists of many buildings, with various gods occupying the separate buildings, all in a shocking condition of decay. The principal image, covered with a sheeting of brass or bronze, standing 70 feet high, was open to the sky. The roof which once covered its head had fallen in. The bricks and dust lay where they had fallen. It has been in this condition for many years. Recently a regiment of soldiers was drafted into the town and had to be quartered somewhere. The temple was the chosen habitation, and a visitor might have seen hundreds of men camping in and around the courts of the ancient palace of worship, spending their time, probably without a thought of the historic and awe-inspiring surroundings in which they were camped, or the gods whose effigies leered at them through the dust of many days. Such are the temples in China!

Sleeping Giant Arousing

But China is awakening. The sleeping giant is rousing itself at last, awakening politically and economically. Notwithstanding glaring weaknesses, the Chinese are a great people, and will yet manifest themselves as such among the nations of the world. And China is awakening spiritually. The shackles of superstition may cling to the people for many years; paganism will die hard, but it is a fact that China now listens—especially the young—and she listens with a touching interest to the Message of a living religion; of a God who loves; and of a Saviour who can really save from sin. What China needs now are apostles of fire, who will carry the flaming torch of Salvation throughout the land.

Over and over again since I have been here I have cried out, "Oh, that we had the language! Oh, that we were able to respond freely to the eager appeal we see in the hungry eyes of those who crowd our meetings. When we consider the limitations of our Officers in this respect, it is marvellous to see the results that have already been achieved."

The Chinese take readily to our Army methods. They like music, and are by no means particular about its quality; they like plenty of food. They are especially fond of the drum, and each Corps is eager to have one of its own. They like life and colour in the meetings, and respond well to a rousing appeal. There are in China all the elements that would go to make a thoroughly characteristic Salvation Army.

It is quite a mystery and one that the Chinese people cannot sing. It is true that the people generally do not sing. Now and again we hear some one indulging in some peculiar wail in a sort of falsetto voice which we have been told

is regarded as singing. But experience proves that they are capable of singing.

I have heard as hearty and tuneful singing in our meetings in China as in any other country, and when taught the people can even sing themselves very creditably with part-singing. Western musical instruments are being introduced into the country, and the learners show they can perform upon them as freely and tunefully as those in Europe.

Brass Instruments Wanted

There are one or two military bands in Peking, all the performers being Chinese, which I am told would play the playing of some of the leading bands in Europe. I am anxious to start two or three Brass Bands in China, but we are minus the necessary instruments. Surely a project such as this must appeal to the thousands of Salvation Army Bandmen in Europe and other parts of the world.

How is the Army received by the people generally? This was one of the things I wanted to find out from personal observation. In some other lands an impression prevails that the Chinaman at home is a somewhat vicious character, and that he only wants opportunity to resort in an ugly way the intrusion of the foreigner. There probably are some such in the country, but whatever he may think in his heart, I have seen no sign whatever of hostility, neither by word nor action. Curiosity in abundance, but even in the heart of the Chinese are villages we are received with every courtesy.

Officers Hard at Work

The Pioneer Officers, gathered from all parts of the world, England, America, Canada, Scandinavia, Australia, and New Zealand, are now all hard at work in the field. The initial period of wrestling with the language for the first two years has borne good fruit, for all are now able to speak with more or less freedom without an interpreter. The Chinese language is notoriously difficult to acquire. Those who have been here twenty or more years confess their knowledge of the different characters to be strictly limited, but they are still learning. All the greater honour to our Officers who have launched out, notwithstanding their limited vocabulary.

On the whole they are doing well, and I think, without exception, are full of hope for China. Given the needed support in Officers and money, the Army has a great future before it in this land. The present urgent need is reinforcements. Whilst the Chinese Cadets are coming forward in a promising way, yet we must depend for some time upon outside help. Who will respond to the call?



A Salvation Army Open-air Meeting in Peking. Large Crowds Flock Around Free Galleries Eager to Listen to the Truth.

EXCEPT WE FIGHT

The pilot's skill how can we know
Till tempests blow?
Is there that soldier's valour seen
Which never both been
In fight? They scarce true soldiers
Are
That have no wounds to show,
Or scar.

Those soldiers which the general
Calls out of all
His army to attempt some great
And brave exploit,
Are those whom he means to grace
With honour, and some higher place.

Except we fight there is no crown,
And no reward.
Unless we sweat in the vineyard,
There's no reward:
Unless we bleed Mount Calvary,
Mount Olivet we shall not see
Alexander Rosse (1840)

HOW TO BE SAVED

You must recognize that the forsaking of all sin, the abandonment of all wrongdoing, the putting right as far as possible, of any wrong done and a deliberate handing over of yourself to your new Master are each necessary steps for you to take in the gaining of Salvation.
Cry to God for forgiveness for Christ's sake, and for power to walk the new way. Believe that God hears.

THE SEARCHLIGHT

Lord make me to know
mine end, and the measure
of my days, what is it; that I
may know how frail I am.
So teach us to number our
days, that we may apply our
hearts unto wisdom.

FOR THE SHUT-INS

HEAVENLY EXPERIENCES

"God hath raised us up, and made us to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

The life of the godly has its extremes and contrasts, and we may with encouragement and profit meditate a little upon what may be called "The Heavenly Places."

Raised with Christ

In his Epistle to the Ephesians Paul makes a double application of the words "heavenly places." The reference in the first chapter is to Jesus Christ, raised from the dead and exalted above all, being "set down at God's right hand in the heavenly places." In this second chapter the Apostle speaks of himself and others who, though still in the material world, are yet raised to sit in heavenly places with Christ. He speaks of the experience as not only having a title to Heaven, where we shall be glorified with Christ, but by and by, but as something already realized, or as we sing—

We feel that Heaven is now begun,
From Jesus' throne on high,
From Jesus' throne on high.

Now, sitting in "heavenly places" will be attended by heavenly experiences. I do not want to make out that religion is to consist of high states of ecstasy and emotion; but to speak of things which fit in well with the human condition; for God wants not ecstatic dreamers, but practical men and women. Let us look at three aspects of spiritual experience enjoyed by those who "sit in heavenly places."

To begin with, these heavenly experiences include spiritual revelations. Persons whose homes lie in low valleys where malarious mists abound, or in narrow streets of crowded cities, have a very limited outlook compared with that of those who live on the hilltop or mountain side, where the atmosphere is clear and the whole outlook wide and far-reaching. So in the heavenly places the souls are in a clearer atmosphere; the spiritual vision grows stronger; God makes eternal things more real.

To get the right view of things is all the difference. For instance, a stained-glass window in a cathedral seemed to me, when viewed from without, to be blurred, patchy, and dull, the very opposite of a thing of beauty; but when I entered everything was transformed. I saw the studied design with its lights and shades and its blend of tints, and all the picture from the interior in its delicate harmony. So in regard to many Divine things: to be able to understand them you must see them from the right light and from the right point of view.

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LATEST NEWS OF SALVATION

FIGHTING ON THE FIELD

HALIFAX I.

EAST TORONTO.

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LIVERPOOL, N.S.

Seventy-five Seekers During Last Three Months—Ten Soldiers Enrolled—Good Progress in Young People's Work.

Officers Farewell and Successors Are Welcomed—Inspiring and Helpful Meetings—Five Seekers.

Seven Seek—Salvation—One Man Tried to Buy Out Soldiers—Fisher, But Was Finally Captured For God.

Army Wedding Conducted by Major Walton—Third Anniversary of Corps Reopening Celebrated—Officers Farewell.

During the past three months seventy-five souls have been registered at the mercy-seat and ten soldiers have been added to the roll. The attendance at the indoor meetings is keeping up in spite of the warm weather, while our open-air crowds are greater than ever before, and oftentimes more than eighty uniformed Salvationists take part in the meeting. We doubt if there can be found anywhere in the Dominion a more zealous body of fighting Salvationists than those of Halifax I. The Young People's Work is also going strong, and one Sunday the attendance totalled 146, an increase of 28 over the same date three years ago. Our Sergeant-Major, Mrs. Burgess, and her splendid staff of workers, are following up the advantage gained with the result that the Officers are forced to vacate their living rooms to make room for this steadily growing branch of our work.

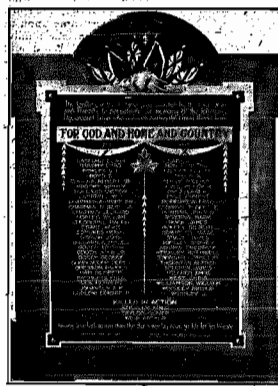
Sergeant Ashby, of the Maternity Staff, has been appointed Guard Officer, and with her assistants, Sister Brittain, and Chaplain Sister Chard, is making good.

The Corps Cadets are becoming a strong factor in the life of the Corps. We now have a class of 12 promising young people.

The Band and Songsters are also giving a good account of themselves, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Under the leadership of Sergeant Mrs. Howell, the Home League is doing well, in fact every branch of the work is in a most flourishing condition.

Four months ago Adjutant and Mrs. Hargrove met the comrades in a special Soldier's meeting, and laid before them the great need of an Officers' Quarters, with the result that to-day we have a fine modern dwelling under construction. The scheme is being financed entirely by the Soldiers and Adherents, while the architect and builders are all converts or Soldiers of the Corps.



Memorial tablet which was recently unveiled at Dovercourt (Toronto).

RIVERDALE (TORONTO).

Inspiring Week-end Meetings—Man and Wife Secured Salvation.

Large crowds stood around the open air on Saturday night and listened attentively to the stirring testimonies and bright music of full force.

A splendid response followed Adjutant Snowden's appeal for the help to have the drum repaired. On Sunday morning Staff-Captain and Mrs. Bloss conducted an inspiring Bible meeting, a record of which was being present. A flood-around the ring in the park in the afternoon when Adjutant Snowden and other comrades of the Salvationists met. At night a number of visiting Officers took part in the service, including Mrs. Helen Green and Staff-Captain Burgess. Staff-Captain Bloss gave an earnest Salvation address, following which the man and wife were converted and were soon following by his wife. We had a Halatrain wind-up and march around the hall, praising God for a most inspiring and helpful week-end.

PARRY SOUND.

Captain and Mrs. Brewer have gone on a much needed rest to Newfoundland, and has greatly helped us in our midst. We are praying they will come back much stronger, for we love them very much. Ensign Doherty, who was stationed here several years ago, is leading us on. God has blessed us with souls every Sunday night. Two new men came forward and now have their stand for God. A. W. J. Hoxell, Secretary.

spoke of the blessings received during their stay with us. They have worked faithfully, and God has rewarded their efforts in the Salvation of many souls. They have endeavored themselves to all. Four souls knelt at the Cross. On Wednesday a farewell service was held in the open-air meeting. Several comrades expressed their appreciation of the kindness shown them in many ways by our Officers' help and practical sympathy. Progress has been made in our Corps. A notable advance was the formation of the Band. Prayers are that God will richly bless them in their new appointments. On Thursday we welcomed our new Officers, Captain Gage and Lieutenant Fullman. They received a hearty welcome. Our week-end meetings were times of great blessing. Our new Officers were right at home and all present were happy and joyful and ready to testify of God's power in their hearts and lives. We rejoiced to see one soul at the mercy-seat—F. Turner, Corps Correspondent.

mined that the day should be one of victory. At the evening service we poured out our souls to God and asked Him to bring glory to His name.

"We rejoiced when four souls knelt at the penitential form. One of these was a brother who had been to held by the Devil that when spoken to about his soul a few days before he pulled out a roll of bills and offered a couple of hundred dollars not to speak to him for a week. This was refused. He was told he might be dying before the week was up, and want to be prayed with.

We kept praying for him. On Sunday he said he felt the Spirit of God speaking to him, and he yielded to God. At the final farewell on the following Wednesday three more came forward.

Captain Payton and Captain Ott, during their stay with us, have brought joy and blessing to many homes.

FLORENCE, C.B.

We are having good times here. Although we have had no Officers since May, we still carry on the good work. We have had the joy of seeing six souls at the mercy-seat. We have help from other Corps on Sunday, and we keep the meetings going through the week. We have a Hall for Sunday, and hold cottage meetings on week days. We have bought a drum. We are expecting our Officer soon, and are looking forward to good times.

On Tuesday, June 15th, the Liverpool citizens witnessed an Army wedding. As this is only the second Army wedding ever held in this town, naturally the Hill was full to overflowing, and many were unable to gain admittance. The principal parties were Corps Sergeant John Clattenburg and Sister Maud Whyte. The ceremony was conducted by Major Walton of Halifax. Captain Richardson and Hickling acted as bridesmaids. The bridegroom was supported by Young People's Sergeant-Major George Thorburn. After the ceremony speeches of congratulation were given by Major Walton and Captain Richardson, Cavelle, and Hickling. Captain Richardson soloed.

Captain Cavelle, who has assisted Captain Hickling, forwarded July 4th for her new command at Pughwash. The Captain receives our warmest congratulations on her promotion to that rank.

July 4th was also the third anniversary of the reopening of the Liverpool Corps. The Sunday morning service was a special thanksgiving service, and messages of congratulation were read from Major Crichton, who was the Divisional Commander at the time of the reopening, and from Captain Richardson a former lieutenant. Brother Meland represented the veterans. Secretary Clattenburg the present day Corps, and Assistant Guard Leader Jollimore the Young People's Unit.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.

Three Seekers at Mercy Seat.

Since our last report we have rejoiced over three more souls finding Salvation. Recent converts are taking their stand in the open-air meetings. On July 5 we had with us Captain Cavelle, who was on his way to Pughwash, and the following night we were led by Captain Hickling of Liverpool. At this service the Captain dedicated the infant child of Brother and Sister Winters.

Corps Cadet Fraser, who has been assisting Captain Richardson for the past few weeks, has forwarded the arrival of Lieutenant Locke, Captain Richardson is still carrying on the work here. We congratulated our Captain on her promotion—Scotian.

NEW WATERFORD.

New Hall Built by Soldiers.

On Sunday night, July 4th, we had a special time when, after one year and a half, our Officers had farewell for another part of the town. We also had an appropriate service. We had an appropriate music, and Brother Bowers sang a farewell solo. Our Corps has made good progress under the leadership of Captain Millard and Lieutenant McLaren. When our Meeting House was sold the Captain and his comrades were determined to consider the building of a Hall, which resulted in a very nice little Hall being built. It is now open for rent for labour, truly a "Soldier-built Hall"—K. J. B.

THE SALVATION SOLDIER'S ARMOURY

SOME ESSENTIALS OF SOLDIERSHIP.

No. IV. of a Series of Papers by Bishop Percy Parsons, Earlscourt.

"We shall receive power"—Acts 1:8. An important part of a Soldier's experience will be the possession of spiritual power. Without it very little will be accomplished. Christianity is a religion of power. Read the New Testament and see how often the word is used, and how emphatically it is presented.

Manifestation of Power.

Jesus is declared to be "the Son of God with power." His whole life is a manifestation of spiritual power and this power He promises to impart to all who will follow Him. More than this, His disciples were commanded to carry until they were endowed with power before they undertook to do any work for Him.

The great need in every Soldier's life today is power. We need power to overcome the evil tendencies of our natures; power to conquer sinful habits, fleshly appetites, and unholy passions.

We need power to develop the opposite qualities of purity and holiness, to attain to that true manhood and womanhood of which Jesus Christ is the ideal. We need power to reach men and women for God and righteousness.

Every Soldier needs power. Purity and holiness are indispensable. "We shall receive power," is the Master's promise. What does it mean? It means that a holy, God-given spirit will possess your every being and fill you with a desire to do as Christ did—save men.

Such a power that enabled John Knox to shake Scotland from centre to circumference, enabled George Whitefield to lead thousands of men and women from lives of sin to lives of purity and holiness; that made General Booth a modern Apostle and stretched the Army from its humble beginnings to every country under the sun.

Meat For All.

The obtaining of such an experience is a matter of first importance to every Soldier. "We shall receive power," is a Divine promise, and when Jesus Christ came, He never intended that it should be monopolized by a saint here or there, but meant it for every Soldier, every Child of God.

Why do I not possess this power? Should be the cry of every Soldier. It is my heritage, and I do not possess it? We should make an earnest and sincere study of our hearts and experiences. Find out our weaknesses, the cause of our failures, the reason of our lack of power.

If we are to be soldiers of God and filled with His power then we shall have to realize just what David realized, as expressed in his own words in Psalm 24: "He that has no clean hands and a pure heart, he shall receive the blessing from the Lord." There must be no compromise with every known sin and every weight that hinders holy living and displeases God.

We must have this power, the same power that burst forth at Pentecost or everything else will be in vain. No honest soldier ever goes unrewarded. Remember the words of Jesus, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."

A Secret Source of Power

GUARANTEE OF VICTORY IN LIFE AND IN SOUL-SAVING

BY COLONEL JOHN DEAN

It is to be expected that in work like that of the Salvation Army the parts that are most effective in securing the end at which we aim will be the most powerfully assaulted and hindered by the great enemy against whom we have to contend. It is important that such parts should be safeguarded with special vigilance, for it is well understood that the best weapon of war—the highest achievement and the heaviest protection—is useless unless there is fire! So the best thought-out subjects, the most powerful oratory, the most agreeable manner, and the best opportunity for action are of no use unless the agent is in touch with God. And to be in touch with God, a man must pray.

So Much to Do.

It is to be feared that in this a weakness is all too prevalent nowadays. There is so much to do. Time is so fully taken up. Work is so exacting and one is so wearied at night and not too well rested in the morning. These and other difficulties are declared to be hindrances to prayer.

Does not the Bible say, "Create the occasion for prayer?" Does not the Bible say, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord?" One thing is evident: the people who have been really successful in the work of Salvation, and who have lighted up the darkness of this world, have been men of prayer. Moses, Samuel, David, Hezekiah, Daniel, and others who exploit for God are mentioned in the Old Testament. In the New there is Jesus, who spent nights in prayer, followed by Paul, who was so impressed on the subject and value of prayer that he employed a peculiar phrase: "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit."

Now, secret prayer is a vital matter. It is to the soul as air is to the body. Cease to breathe, and you die. Leaving off prayer your soul-life will go out, and the man who has in hand will languish.

Prayer is intercourse with God, and is the secret of many things. It has its rewards openly, which men do not see, and ask. "Where is the hiding of his power?" Some will say it is natural ability, charm of manner, good education. But the secret is in prayer.

Two and a half million people were in immediate danger of

destruction because of sin. Prayer locked back that wave of wrath and saved them. Men walked in burning flames unharmed. A victim of envy was thrown into a den of hungry lions, which left him absolutely untouched. Prayer took out the heat of fire and somehow satisfied the hungry lions. Oh, what should we not see if only the spirit of persistent prayer came upon us in our homes, upon our family, upon us as individuals! We should have the promise fulfilled before we find Him, when we seek Me with all your heart."

Secret prayer is the promise of success in our individual soul-life. It is by this one that faith in life from above, and if only we remained long enough in the presence of God our faces would shine like the face of Moses when he returned from Mount Sinai.

Secret prayer is the source of endurance in days of trial. For every purpose there are adverse providences. The afflictions of our relatives and friends are our trials. Some passing ill-health will be a burden. Some companion who is not so congenial as we would like may harass us. But all may be endured to the end by the help of secret prayer.

The Fountain of Power.

Secret prayer is the foundation of faith for results to attend the efforts put forth for the good of men and the glory of God. How much more would our work prosper if our Salvationists laid the matter before the Master! Think of that success of Moses when he prevailed upon God to say, concerning the thousands of Israel, "I have pardoned according to thy word." It is true he prayed a long while, but he won.

Secret prayer is the fountain of power to influence men for good. It gives a quiet dignity, and impresses people with something they cannot understand. The covetous and miserly open their hand before they know why. The ill-tempered are subdued as a pot of boiling water when the fire is withdrawn. The hard, unfeeling person is dissolved in tenderness for the unfeeling, and wonders at the power which so "used and abused" And in this way the hearts of men are gradually turned to God.

Secret prayer is the guarantee of victory in every conflict, and of peace in every decision. Therefore, "Pray without ceasing."

THE SALVATIONIST'S BOOK-SHELF

"LIFE AND DEATH"—By the late Mrs. General Booth. 206 pages. Price 6s. 6d. Postage 2s. 6d. extra. Order from The Salvation Army, 25, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4.

Thousands have had occasion to thank God for the publication in book form of Mrs. Booth's Address bearing upon the subject of those who desire more direct and pointed truth on the subject of personal salvation this book is warmly commended.

"There is a sense in which we never halt," says Mrs. Booth in her address on "Holding Steady in Two Opinions," "never stand still. In fact, there is a sense in which nothing stands still. But this is specially true of the world and mind and spirit. Once launched into being, sinners, you never stand still. You must increase, grow, and develop the capacity and enjoyment of good, or in the capacity for realization of evil for the realization of evil is a beautiful thought to the righteous that, once launched on the wave of everlasting progress we shall stand still no more, but go on growing, and growing, and growing, until, as the Saviour said, we shall become as gods in our capacity for holiness and bliss for ever. We know now, indeed, what we shall be. God Himself could not explain it, but we shall be like Him. Oh, how beautiful it is, worth holding on for, worth suffering for, worth fighting for, worth going for. This path of eternal progress once gained, if you will but hold fast and endure to the end of this mortal strife, on you go, for ever!"

SPARE MOMENTS.

We all waste a good deal of time, one way and another, for the simple reason that we have got into the habit of undervaluing the moments which come to us, broken off as it were from the solid hours which go to the making of our working days. Only five or ten minutes, it does not seem worth while, beginning anything, so we fritter those moments away—and a few more added to the previous waste, and the work in week complaining, instead of utilizing them as we might.

Take care of your minutes, or they will take care of you. Perhaps your work consists chiefly in waiting for other people. On the hour, you are waiting minutes at a time, fretting and fuming, perhaps, because they find doing nothing such very hard work, and of occupation is not what you are wise, however, if you do not give those waiting moments something to do, your sighs and moans to keep in store.

OUR QUESTION BOX

• If you are in doubt or difficulty in regard to spiritual matters, write to the Editor of "The War Cry," Albert Street, Toronto, Ont. We are here to help you. We shall be glad to answer any question or to send you any of our papers, or any information they may contain. Write now!

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

The great difficulties of life of which we are so apt to complain are converted into the means of that discipline, that self-improvement which is the great end of life. Our little sorrows and troubles of our day is the decay of the sense of sin, and there is nothing we need more than to see: sin as God sees it.

The Good Shepherd-fared for and would brook no turning till he had paid the penalty of the world-transgression, and had penetrated the waste of human degradation farther than the worst of wanderers. Then, when He had out-distanced the chief of sinners, a

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NEWS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER LINE

New Officers Receive Commissions at Crowded Meeting in Home Kiosk
—Progress at Lytton Home.

Ninety-eight young Officers recently received their commissions at the hands of Colonel Peart, the Chief Secretary, in a crowded meeting at the Memorial Hall, New York. Each Cadet was also presented with a "First Aid" diploma. Many children of Officers were included among the number.

Commissioner Estlin, of the Western Territory, spent a brief session in New York when en route for Europe. The opportunity was used for going over much important business that was claiming attention. The Commissioner goes to England, where he will join Mrs. Estlin, and together they will meet their "honoured" children and several grandchildren whom they have not seen before.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Smetton, with their assistants, are kept very busy from early morning until late at night at the Boys' and Girls' Home at Lytton, Cal. Many improvements have taken place, including a fine swimming pool, and everything is now ready for the commencement of the erection of the new main building.

The Young Women's Boarding House in New York is now nearly ready, and indeed it is in such a hurry, so urgent is the need for such a place. Mrs. Brigadier Hamon is the Matron.

Colonel Holz continues to have a great farewell tour. His meetings at Birmingham have been very fine. For over twenty years the Colonel has been regularly visiting some of those Southern cities, and consequently he is very well and favorably known.

At Richmond, Va., the Colonel officially dedicated a new military property. This is regarded as a great acquisition, and the Corps will now be finely housed.

Adjutant Donald McMillan, who has been in a pro-tem position at Headquarters for several months past, is now appointed to the South Atlantic Division as Divisional Secretary.

Some eighty Life-Saving Guards from New York and vicinity are enjoying camp life at North Long Branch. The occasion, of course, is being used for the most profitable kind of service, from the Salvation Army viewpoint, as well as the splendid recreational facilities that this annual event brings.

THE FAMILY ALAR.

"Some years ago," writes a Field Officer on the subject of Family Worship, "A Sergeant-Major came to me asking advice upon this matter. His wife was unwell and he found it almost impossible to pray with his children before going to work in the morning, while at night the children retired to bed at different hours. I suggested family prayer should take place at any time during the day whenever he could get his children together for a few minutes. I cannot say definitely whether my advice was acted upon or not, but some years later a Lieutenant came up to me and introduced himself as the daughter of that Sergeant-Major. He had at last influenced his daughter."

Immigration Activities

POPULARITY OF THE ARMY'S CONDUCTED PARTIES—SOME PARTICULARS AS TO RECENT ARRIVALS—LETTERS FROM PLEASED PEOPLE

FROM the time operations in this department were resumed—so far as Toronto is concerned—three months ago, up to the present it has been a round of activity, and has given us all we could do to keep up with the work.

As an example of the composition of our "conducted" parties the past week-end arrivals present a pretty good picture. Two ships arriving at the same time with parties coming in pretty good "hustling" at the port of landing, and also at centres like Toronto. Adjutant Hector Wright is an old hand at the business and cleared his slate in good style, so that the Metagame and Tunisian parties—meaning over 300 people to meet, issue tickets to, advise re baggage, routes, etc., etc., all to be done in a couple of hours—were dealt with promptly.

After seeing the party aboard for final destination, wires are sent to points most affected, hence on Tuesday I was informed of a very interesting crowd en route for Toronto. Three babies in charge of escorts are among the first items we note. Adjutant Lindsay, in charge of the new Lodge, George Street, and one, in turn, advises the parents or others, and within a couple of hours the babies are claimed and have been initiated into Canadian homes. Also, as there are twelve men for farm work, they are soon sent east, west, north or south, to begin life as workers, and, we believe, better conditions, with prospects such as the old world offers, are being placed out. We learn that work there is under supervision until eighteen years of age, and have to be reported upon twice a year. Also three widows with families, for whom suitable positions were found, and finally a number of domestic workers, and finally a number of domestic workers, and finally a number of domestic workers.

Apart from the foregoing were several families going to friends, whose passages had in many cases been prepaid from the time they kept busy with this feature of the work, as people who have come out of their friends brought out in the same way, and, therefore, book through us.

Anyone in Ontario interested in getting their friends from the other side will do well to write to Brigadier Southern, Salvation Army Temple, Toronto.

Our Officers at the ports of embarkation and disembarkation render

LIFE-GIVING MINISTRY.

Taking the record of Christ's public ministry, we cannot fail to see that, from its very commencement it was a life-giving ministry. All His acts and ministrations proceeded on that line. Not only did He impart life to Lazarus, and the ruler's daughter, but we must also recog-

lect that He ministered to a people who were spiritually dead. Jesus rose from the dead when He declared, "Ye will have life." Wherever the Saviour went He was confronted with the work which death had wrought, and—glory be to God!—wherever He went He conquered that "old enemy of the human race."

THE PRAYING LEAGUE

Topic: Spiritual Harmony
By Mrs. Blanche R. Johnson
"Did not our hearts burn within us?" (Luke 24: 32)

What a human, natural description of a very mystical experience, the above circulation is, among the many dramatic events in the life of our risen Lord, before His ascension, perhaps the most thrilling. These two disciples were walking along that Easter morn, questioning, to Emmaus, seven and a half miles from Jerusalem.

Conversing About Jesus.

We can picture them as they pass along with serious mien, conversing in quiet, sad tones. Their conversation was evidently all about the departed Jesus. Though they were puzzled by the strange happenings of the past hours, they still believed that in some mysterious way He was to redeem Israel. Their faith in His power had been put to a very severe test. No doubt they had been among the followers who had hoped that He might even come down from the Cross and save Himself, and when this failed they still believed that in some way He would prove to be the Deliverer. And now—all this strange, wild rumours that were flying about were very distressing and perplexing. What would it mean? How would He now fulfil all their hopes and expectations? It was all so disconcerting and depressing! All their surmises and communings failed to answer their questions, and they were left wondering how they could bring him to their wounded hearts.

What a transformation! This winsome stranger draws near and sits down with them in quiet conversation. His magnetic voice makes appeal to their burdened spirits. They listen eagerly as He unfolds the Scriptures to them. He is calm and well versed in the teachings of their religion. He speaks in sympathy, but with conviction. He not only wins their attention and interest, but some innate force in His attractive personality claims their confidence. They are so captivated by His faith that they receive a new impetus, and their hearts are comforted. So won are they to the cultured Stranger that they do not wish Him to leave them. "They Constrained Him." "Abide with us," for it is towards evening and the day is fast closing in. This poetic invitation is immortalized in the well known hymn, "Abide with me, when I am away, when I am so far from thee, O Christ, I pray, that Thou wilt not leave me, when I am so far from thee."

We are glad to welcome Adjutant and Mrs. Weeks, who are taking charge of the Lodge at George Street, Toronto. Here parties of domestic workers are taken care of from time to time. They will also have the responsibility of visiting and reporting upon the boys and girls brought out here through the Army, most of whom are doing well, and in comfortable homes, and have a good prospect for the future.

Our old friend, Adjutant Walker, who has welcomed thousands of newcomers to Canada, is still as hearty and energetic as ever in his work. He doesn't know day or night when there are people arriving in this way, and there is scarcely a day in all his long reaches of the vast Dominion that he has not someone who will have a good word to say of the Adjutant's good service and cheerful cheer. Southern, Brigadier.

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If you cannot have your own way in everything, keep silent and read the third chapter of James.



GOOD MOTIVES IDENTICAL.

FOLLOWING the precedent established when the present King was in New Zealand, the Chinese residents of the Dominion, through their Consul, presented the Prince of Wales, with an address at Wellington. Picturesquely worded, the address says: "In our country, the ancient times the 'Sons of Heaven,' used to make a tour of inspection through the States under their care, in order to show their Royal kindness by lessening the burdens of the people, to induce them for good and to study the customs of the different places. Thus the good motives underlying a Royal tour of inspection are identical."

"FAMILY FARMS."

THROUGH a movement launched by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce family farms are becoming popular. The "family farms" are ones that can be tiled by a family without hired help and one equipped with a modern farm home. More than a thousand persons have written that they desire to acquire such a farm home as outlined by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the organization is now seeking to organize companies in each of fifty East Texas counties to supply these homes, arrange better living conditions and better markets.

INFORMATION FOR FARMER

NEARLY three hundred and fifty bulletins, circulars and other pamphlets dealing with agriculture matters are listed in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa. These cover the whole range of agricultural and horticultural pursuits including dairying, field crops, live stock, orchard and garden crops, poultry, insects and plant disease, farm building construction, farm machinery and many other topics. The subjects are arranged alphabetically under general titles. Not only are the bulletins available from the Publications Branch of the Department but any of the publications therein contained.

NEW TAX COLLECTION.

THE Inland Revenue Department has announced that it will not begin the collection of the new taxes by means of revenue stamps until August 1. In the meantime retailers will have to make remittances to the nearest Inland Revenue Office according to the instructions already issued.

RESERVES FOR REINDER.

THE Dominion Government has segregated the Southwestern, Manx and Coast Islands, in the northern portion of Hudson Bay as reserves for reinder and Muskox. These islands are reported to be suitable as to situation and climate and to have sufficient food available.

HARVESTERS WANTED.

IT is estimated that at least fifty thousand men will be needed for the harvest in the Prairie Provinces this year, 20,000 for Saskatchewan, 15,000 each for Manitoba and Alberta.

HALIBUT CATCH.

HALIBUT to the value of \$100,000 was caught in the northern waters of British Columbia in March as compared with \$39,750 last year.



THE JEWS RETURN HOME

THE BIBLICAL UNERRING WORDS CONCERNING IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PRESENT DAY

A GREAT prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes (says the "British War Cry"). After centuries of exile the Jews are chosen people.



The Apostles' Fountain—A Typical Wayside Scene in the Holy Land.

ple of God, are again coming into their own, for Palestine, the land of promise, has been freed from the oppressor, and the doors of Jerusalem, the holy city, are once more thrown open to those whose predestined right it is to possess.

There are many passages in the Bible which point to the events that are now taking place, but there is space here for only a few—

"Therefore, say, Thus saith the Lord God; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."—Ezekiel XL, 17.

"For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land."—Ezekiel XXXV, 24.

"For the children of Israel shall build many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim. Afterward will I bring the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God, and David, their king, shall be as in old times. His goodings in the latter days."—Hosea III, 4, 5.

"And I will bring again the captivity of the Jews."

INTENSIVE GARDENING.

THE possibilities of "intensive" gardening are illustrated by the result of an experiment conducted at Golden Green, near Tonbridge, Kent.

Two and a half acres of what was formerly paddock ground have been developed by intensive methods, on such an experimental plan that the value of the crops produced has been over \$5,000.

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As one crop is taken up the ground is at once utilized for another. Manure is used again and again without losing its virtue.

INCREASING POPULATION.

THE number of people now in Quebec Province is estimated at two and a half millions. In 1914, according to the Federal census, the population of the Province was 2,000,000. In 1916, according to municipal reports, it amounted to 2,500,000.

MONUMENT OF GRATITUDE.

A MONUMENT is to be erected in London, England, by Belgian refugees as an acknowledgment of British hospitality.

MAKE ENGINES NOW.

ONE of the largest British engineering firms has transformed its mechanical workshop into a locomotive factory.

BORING FOR OIL.

IN return for certain concessions, a company proposes to bore for oil in \$300,000 Edward Island, spending \$300,000 within the next ten years on operation and development work.



The history of Jerusalem, which is the centre of this restoration movement covers a period of about 2,500 years. First mention of the city is found in Joshua X, 1. For less than 500 years was Jerusalem included in the capital of a free nation, Palestine, and the centre of a national religion. True, the city was for 600 years.

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THE POINTED QUESTIONS

Are you maintaining the habit of private prayer? Do you realize the true nature of prayer? Are you praying for others?

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HULL, MRS. MARY—Age 54, height



5 ft. 8 in., fair hair, blue eyes, fresh complexion, Canadian. Address wanted. (See photo.) 12557

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DEMPSEY, JOSEPH—Retired soldier, height 5 ft. 8 in., brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Disappeared from home, Macanaw, Ontario, March 1910. Wife and children anxious. Reported to have lost his memory. 12559

DOLEY, JAMES—Age 34, height 5 ft. 8 in., brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion. Disappeared from home, Macanaw, Ontario, March 1910. Wife and children anxious. Reported to have lost his memory. 12559

PEAKE, FREDERICK WILLIAM—Age 24, height 5 ft. 4 in., fair hair, brown eyes, fresh complexion. Last known address, Wexford P. O., Ontario. 12562

HICKSON, CHARLES ALBERT—Height 5 ft. 8 in., fair hair, blue eyes. Worked at Trenton, Ontario, Canada. News wanted. 12572

RUBIN, HENRI—Age 21, height 5 ft. 8 in., brown hair and eyes, fair complexion. Missing since March, 1918. 12568

BULGIN, GEORGE T.—Arizona known as Johnnie Bulgin. Commenced with Box 500, Coker, Ont. Something to his advantage. Left Trenton for Keweenaw, Mich., August, 1918. 12569

SONGS OF SALVATION

COME, COMRADES DEAR

Tunes—Come, Comrades, Dear, 136; He Lives, 138; Song-Book 239.

Come, comrades dear, who love the Lord,
Who taste the sweets of Jesus' word.

In Jesus' ways go on;
Our troubles and our trials here
Will only make us richer there,
When we arrive at Home.

We feel that Heaven is now begun;
It issues from the sparkling Throne.

From Jesus' Throne on high,
It comes in floods we can't contain,
We drink, and drink, and drink
again.

And yet we still are dry.

MY SUN AND STAR.

Tunes—Now I Can Read, 54;
Charming Name, 26; Song-Book, 238.

My God, the spring of all my joys,
The life of my delights,
The glory of my brightest days,
And comfort of my nights.

In darkest shades, if Thou appear,
My dawning is begun;
Thou art my soul's Bright Morning Star.

And thus my Rising Sun.

The opening heavens around me shine
With beams of sacred bliss,
For Jesus shows His mercy mine,
And whispers I am His.

HE SHALL REIGN.

Tunes—Helmshy; 167, C; Bread of Heaven, 664, D; Hark the Voice, B.B. 2 S. 10, Bb.; Song-Book, 138.

Lo! He comes with clouds descending
Swell the triumph of His train;
Hallelujah!

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold
Him,

Pierced and nailed Him to the tree
Deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

The dear tokens of His passion
Still His do-ling body bears;
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshippers;

With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

GLORY TO GOD.

Tune—My Saviour Suffered, 255, C;
Song-Book, 254.

My Saviour suffered on the tree,
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
Oh, come and praise the Lord with
me!

Glory to the bleeding Lamb!
He bore my sins and curse and
shame,
And I am saved through Jesus' name.

I know my sins are all forgiven,
And I am on my way to Heaven.

COMING EVENTS

Lieut.-Colonel Noble—Montreal,
Friday-Tuesday, July 16th-20th.

Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. Morhen-
Earls Court, Sunday, July 15th.

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